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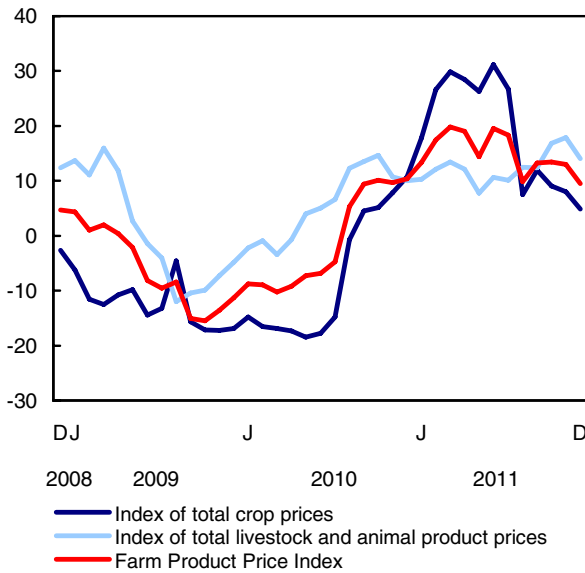
Farm Product Price Index

December 2011

Prices farmers received for their commodities in December rose 9.5% from December 2010, as overall livestock and animal product prices and crops prices continued to advance. The total index has trended upward since August 2010, with increases ranging from 5.3% to 19.9%.

The 12-month change in the Farm Product Price Index

12-month % change, index (1997=100)



Compared with the same month in 2010, the livestock and animal products index (+14.1%) and the crops index (+4.9%) both increased in December. Advances were recorded in all livestock commodities, ranging from 3.3% for dairy to 21.5% for cattle and calves.

All of the livestock commodities recorded year-over-year increases every month in 2011 except for a decrease in the hogs index (-2.8%) in May. Lower on-farm inventories of cattle and hogs in North

America and higher feed grain costs have supported the year-over-year growth trends.

The crops index recorded the smallest year-over-year increase since September 2010, largely the result of a decline in the grains index (-2.8%), ending a year-over-year growth trend that started in September 2010. All other commodities advanced. Increases ranged from 2.9% for vegetables to 21.6% for fruit.

Like the grains index, the oilseeds index (+3.7%) started its year-over-year growth trend in September 2010. However, since June 2011, its rate of increase has been slowing. The International Grains Council and the United States Department of Agriculture continued to forecast an increase in total world grain production for 2012.

On a monthly basis, the December index decreased 0.8% as both the livestock and animal products index (-1.4%) and the crops index (-0.7%) fell. It was the third consecutive monthly decline in the overall index.

Note: The growth rate of the total Farm Product Price Index (FPPPI) is derived from a weighted average of the component indices using a different set of weights in consecutive months; it is not a weighted average of the growth rates of its crop and livestock components. Given this, the growth rate of the composite FPPPI can lie outside the growth rate of these components.

Available without charge in CANSIM: tables 002-0021 and 002-0022.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5040.

The December 2011 issue of *Farm Product Price Index*, Vol. 11, no. 12 (21-007-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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Farm Product Price Index

	December 2010 ^r	November 2011 ^r	December 2011 ^p	December 2010 to December 2011	November to December 2011
	(1997=100)			% change	
Farm Product Price Index	118.0	130.3	129.2	9.5	-0.8
Crops	127.1	134.2	133.3	4.9	-0.7
Grains	127.7	128.0	124.1	-2.8	-3.0
Oilseeds	131.9	136.5	136.8	3.7	0.2
Specialty crops	128.9	172.8	154.5	19.9	-10.6
Fruit	107.4	128.5	130.6	21.6	1.6
Vegetables	125.9	127.1	129.5	2.9	1.9
Potatoes	156.8	181.6	181.8	15.9	0.1
Livestock and animal products	111.6	129.1	127.3	14.1	-1.4
Cattle and calves	107.2	129.1	130.2	21.5	0.9
Hogs	76.9	93.1	91.5	19.0	-1.7
Poultry	112.7	133.4	130.4	15.7	-2.2
Eggs	117.8	128.9	130.8	11.0	1.5
Dairy	149.6	156.1	154.6	3.3	-1.0

^r revised

^p preliminary

Industrial Water Survey 2009

The three industry groups covered by the Industrial Water Survey had a total water intake of 32.3 billion cubic metres in 2009.

Thermal-electric power producers accounted for 81.6% of this intake, while manufacturers withdrew 16.9%, and mines, 1.5%.

Among manufacturers, five industries accounted for over 95% of the water intake in 2009: paper, primary metal, petroleum and coal, food, and chemical.

The three main industry groups discharged 31.3 billion cubic metres in wastewater in 2009. Thermal-electric power producers accounted for just over 82.4% of the total, manufacturing industries almost 15.6%, and mining industries, 2.0%.

These same industries recycled more than 8.6 billion cubic metres of water. The thermal-electric power producers accounted for about 48.8% of this total, manufacturing industries about 33.2%, and mining industries the remaining 17.9%.

The three groups had total water costs of \$1.7 billion.

Note: The 2009 Industrial Water Survey was conducted under the umbrella of the Canadian Environmental Sustainability Indicators project, a joint initiative of

Statistics Canada, Environment Canada and Health Canada.

The survey gathered information on the intake and discharge of water by three groups of industries: manufacturing, mining and thermal-electric generating industries. It collected information on sources of water, purposes for which the water was used, whether water was re-circulated or re-used, where the water was discharged and what treatments were used. It also collected information on water acquisition costs, treatment costs and operating and maintenance expenses related to water intake and discharge.

Available without charge in CANSIM: tables 153-0047 to 153-0051 and 153-0067 to 153-0097.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5120.

The publication *Industrial Water Use, 2009* (16-401-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*. Choose *All subjects*, then *Environment*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact the information officer (613-951-0297; environ@statcan.gc.ca), Environment Accounts and Statistics Division.

Canadian Foreign Post Indexes

March 2012

Data on Canadian Foreign Post Indexes are now available for March.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2322.

The March 2012 issue of *Canadian Foreign Post Indexes* (62-013-X, free) is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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Investment in non-residential building construction

Fourth quarter 2011 (revised)

Following the release of the "Canadian economic accounts" for the fourth quarter of 2011, revised data on investment in non-residential building for the fourth quarter are now available.

Note: Data have also been revised from the first to third quarters of 2011.

Available without charge in CANSIM: table 026-0016.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5014.

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Residential construction investment

Fourth quarter 2011

Data on residential construction investment are now available for the fourth quarter.

Available without charge in CANSIM: table 026-0013.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5016.

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New products and studies

Industrial Water Use, 2009

Catalogue number 16-401-X (PDF, free; HTML, free)

Farm Product Price Index, December 2011, Vol. 11, no. 12

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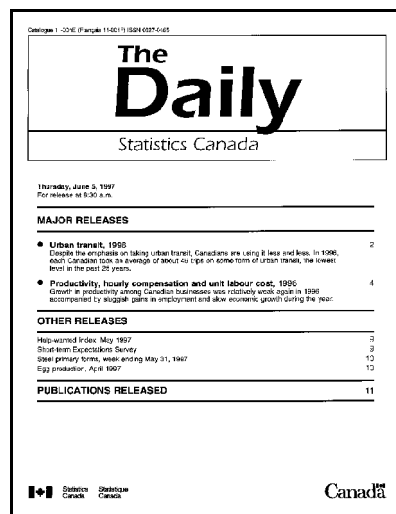
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Canadian Foreign Post Indexes, March 2012

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